

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Bougueleret, et al.

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FOR: **ENGINEERED HUMAN KUNITZ-TYPE
PROTEASE INHIBITOR**

EXAMINER: Unknown

ART UNIT: Unknown

CONFIRMATION No.: Unknown

Petition to Make Special

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.102 and the procedure set forth in MPEP §708.02, section VIII, for accelerated examination procedure, Applicants request, prior to examination, that the above-identified application be granted special status.

Applicants submit that the present petition and accompanying documents meet all of the requirements set forth at MPEP §708.02, section VIII. Specifically, Applicants hereby submit the following:

(a) the present petition to make special, accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i);

(b) a Preliminary Amendment intended to limit the claims in the application to a single invention;

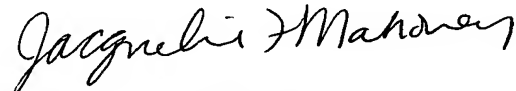
(c) a statement that a pre-examination search was made by a foreign patent office, listing the fields of search; and

(d) a detailed discussion of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, which points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

Applicants request that, if the present request is defective in any respect, the applicant be given an opportunity to perfect the request, as provided in MPEP §708.02, section VIII.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees herein (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207. A duplicate copy of this paper is provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Statement Regarding Pre-examination Search Accompanying Petition to Make
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Sir:

I, Jacqueline F. Mahoney, an authorized agent for the above-identified application, hereby declare that a pre-examination search was made by the European Patent Office acting as the International Searching Authority in PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/01629. According to MPEP §708.02, section VIII, a search made by a foreign patent office satisfies the search requirement for a Petition to Make Special for new applications.

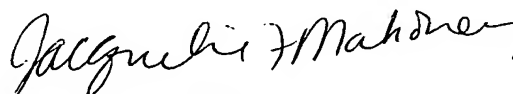
Field of Search

The fields searched were IPC7, C12N, C07K, C12Q, and G01N. Electronic databases consulted during the search were EPO-internal, WPI Data, PAJ, Biosis, Embase, and EMBL.

The results of the search are listed on the International Search Report and the references are listed and discussed with the Information Disclosure Statement, both enclosed herewith.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

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